

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Being a pedestrian can be risky business. According to the National Traffic Safety Administration, a pedestrian is injured in a traffic related collision on average every seven minutes. Below are a few simple guidelines that may help promote an increased level of awareness for pedestrians.

PEDESTRIANS:

- ◇ **Remember the law!** Pedestrians should cross at marked crosswalks and obey ALL traffic control devices. Unless specifically directed by a traffic control device, pedestrians should not cross diagonally in an intersection and may be subject to a fine.
- ◇ **Wear Bright Clothing.** Remember that drivers may have difficulty seeing you—Especially in the dark.
- ◇ **Watch for Obstructions.** Be particularly cautious when stepping out from behind parked cars, poles and building that may hide you from a driver's sight.
- ◇ **Stop and Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street.** Never run into the street.
- ◇ **Walk Facing Traffic.**



DRIVERS:

- ◇ **Remember to Yield!** Pedestrians have the legal right of way in all intersections, whether marked or not.
- ◇ **Remain Alert.** With all of the distractions inside your car, remember to pay close attention to the pedestrians around you.
- ◇ **Right Turns.** Look for oncoming traffic and for pedestrians before making a right turn.
- ◇ **LOOK!** Use caution when approaching unmarked intersections.
- ◇ **Obey** school zone traffic laws!

TIPS

Make safety a habit.

Pedestrians—Use sidewalks and walk facing traffic.

Use caution and be alert!

For emergencies call 9-1-1

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